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Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Michigan Historical Museum

Lansing, Michigan

March 8, 2010

Call to Order

President Bus Spaniola called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:01 A.M.

Board Members Present: Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Rose Moye, Richard Johnson, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Paul Tarr, Geneva Wiskemann, and Tom Truscott.

Board Members Absent: Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, Charles Seeley, Louise Stilwill, Morris Thomas, and Bill Wellman.

Board Members Excused: Adriana Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, Charles Seeley, Louise Stilwill, Morris Thomas, and Bill Wellman.

Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) Staff Present: None.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as transmitted; motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 2010 meeting minutes as transmitted; motion passed.

President's Report

President Spaniola talked briefly about the upcoming March 19-20 *Michigan In Perspective: The Local History Conference* that will take place in Dearborn, Michigan. He indicated that Executive Board approved a motion to pay \$35.00 to secure a table at the conference for the Friends' display. He also indicated that Martha Bloomfield was in the process of updating the Friends' display board with new pictures and verbiage. To date, commitments to staff the display had been received from President Spaniola, Richard Johnson, Rose Moye, and Geneva Wiskemann.

President Spaniola also indicated that he had received a letter from Shannon White (Assistant Director of the Historical Society of Michigan – HSM) regarding the upcoming HSM's April 24, 2010 Michigan History Day and the student essay competition. Each year the Friends have supported this program by providing the \$150.00 cash awards for the three student divisions: Youth (grades 4-5), Junior (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12).

A motion was made and seconded to again provide \$450.00 to support the HSM Best Entry in Michigan History awards; motion passed.

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President Spaniola reported that he had, on behalf of the Friends, submitted a letter to the Zonta Club of the Michigan Capital Area Foundation for support of Martha Bloomfield's upcoming summer trip to Prague, Czech Republic.

Treasurer Report

		February 1 - 28, 2010	
BALANCE		2-01-10	5,725.24
DEPOSIT			
	2-19-10		<u>+ 563.25</u>
			6,288.49
Cashed Checks			
	1488 Walker Tavern	67.10	
	1489 Fayette	87.10	
	1490 Nelekona Food	55.00	
	1493 Papciak	<u>50.00</u>	
		259.20	-259.20
BALANCE		2-28-10	6,029.29
Uncashed Checks			
	1491 Berndt	175.00	
	1492 Torongo	100.00	
	1494 Ryal	<u>200.00</u>	
		475.00	- 475.00
Available Funds			5,554.29
Benevolent Fund		\$ 50.00	

A motion was made and seconded to approve, as transmitted the Treasurer's report for the period February 1 – 28, 2010; motion passed.

Presentation of Bills

No bills that were not otherwise previously approved were presented.

Museum Report

No report.

Committee Reports

A. *2010 Veterans Day Program Committee. (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs):* No report.

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair).* No report.

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Charles Seeley and Tom Truscott).* No report.

D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair).* No report.

E. *Grants Committee (Adriana Greci Green - Chair).* No report.

F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr and Bill Wellman, Co-chairs).* It was reported that the newsletter should soon be out.

G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair).* No report.

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H. *Calendar (2011) Committee (Tom Truscott & Rose Moye, Co-chairs).* No report.

I. *Bylaws (Paul Tarr – Chair).* It was indicated that the committee still needed to get the proposed bylaw amendments to the Board to review.

Old Business

A. *IRS Group Exemption Application Status.* There has been no notification regarding the Friends' letter application to the Internal Revenue Service for a Group Exemption Number.

B. *Charitable Trust Application.* Secretary Harrison indicated that he had submitted the Friends' annual Charitable Trust application to the state's Attorney General Office.

New Business

A. *Annual Membership – Historic Fort Wayne Coalition.* Secretary Harrison indicated that it was time to renew the Friends' organizational membership with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition.

A motion was made and seconded to pay \$75.00 for the Friends' annual organizational membership with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition; motion passed.

B. *2010 Jackson Cascades Civil War Muster.* Secretary Harrison indicated that the annual Civil War Muster would take place on August 28 and 29, 2010, and that a space had been arranged within the Cascade's Amphitheatre, as in previous years, for a table for the Friends' display.

C. *Michigan State University Music School Concerts.* It was indicated that the Michigan State University Music School would be providing a concert every first Sunday of the month in the Michigan Historical Center auditorium.

D. *Michigan Oral History Association.* Geneva Wiskemann passed out a copy of the Spring 2010 Newsletter of the Michigan Oral History Association.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Keith G. Harrison

Keith G. Harrison, Secretary
Board of Directors
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 12, 2010, in Lansing.